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PROPOSED AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

By way of informal response to the Final action dated September 5, 2003, the Applicant hereby respectfully requests an interview with both Examiner Truong and Supervisor O'Shea, pursuant to s. 713.09 of the *Manual of Patent Examining Procedure*, in order to afford an opportunity to discuss a proposed amendment to Claim 1 of the above-identified application, which the Applicant respectfully submits as being allowable over the prior art, as follows:

Claim 1 (currently proposed to be amended): A suspended light source holder holding apparatus for a non-artificial jack-o-lantern having a top portion, said ~~light source~~ holder apparatus comprising:

- (a) a light source holding portion positionable within the interior of the jack-o-lantern, and
- (b) means for removably securing said light source holding portion to the top portion of the non-artificial jack-o-lantern by way of frictional engagement of said securing means with said top portion from said interior, without extension of said ~~securing means~~ apparatus through said top portion of said non-artificial jack-o-lantern to the exterior of said jack-o-lantern.

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In view of s. 706.07(f) of the *Manual of Patent Examining Procedure*, and the procedure set out therein in respect of advisory actions, the Applicant respectfully requests that the aforementioned telephone interview be scheduled with Examiner Truong and Supervisor O'Shea at the earliest opportunity, and that the undersigned attorney be contacted at the number set forth hereinbelow to arrange same.

Respectfully submitted

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